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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michiyasu KOMATSU

GAU: 2812

SERIAL NO: 09/805,035

EXAMINER:

FILED: March 14, 2001

FOR: SILICON NITRIDE WEAR RESISTANT MEMBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number [US App No], filed [US App Dt], is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
JAPAN	2000-073409	March 16, 2000
JAPAN	2001-039991	February 16, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
  - are submitted herewith
  - will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

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